

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims based on the above claim amendments. Specifically, claims 1, 5, 11, 13, 28, 29, and 30 are amended. Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced by way of this Response, and Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-18, 22-26, and 28-32 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested. Other statements not explicitly addressed herein are not admitted.

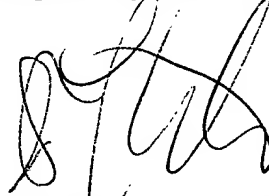
Allowable Claims

Applicants wish to express their sincere appreciation for the Examiner's indication that pending claims 1 – 18, 22 – 26, 28 – 32 contain allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the now pending claims 1-18, 22-26, and 28-32 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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